



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By Virtue of the Authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY

WHEREAS, every child in Virginia is a precious individual, full of promise and great potential; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million children under the age of thirteen in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's early childhood professionals provide daily for these children to ensure their safety, health and well-being, and serve as role models to foster children's educational and social skills; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage professional levels of practice among those who have chosen to assist working families in the vital mission of safeguarding and nurturing children; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and reward the efforts of those who are building Virginia's future, child by child, day by day; and

WHEREAS, Virginia commits to Smart Beginnings for its youngest citizens, with opportunities to Start Strong;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 9, 2008 as **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katherine F. Hanley", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth